

Food Bank provides boxes, seeks help

The Grand Ronde Food Bank – *iskam mək'hmək haws* – is operated by Marion-Polk Food Share, which has been leading the fight to end hunger since 1987 because no one should be hungry.

Recipients of SNAP, TANF, SSI or LIHEAP assistance automatically qualify for assistance at the Grand Ronde Food Bank, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. No one will be turned away in need of a food box.

"We believe that everyone deserves to have enough to eat," Food Bank Coordinator Francene Ambrose says. "You are welcome to get a food box at each of our regular weekly distributions. No one will be turned away in need of a food box."

Upcoming food box distribution dates will be:

- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 5;
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 13;
- 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 19.
- 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 24.

People must check in 15 minutes before closing to receive a food box. If you need immediate assistance, call 211 or visit 211info.org.

Those who are unable to pick up a food box can fill out an authorized representative form and that person can pick up a food box on your behalf. The authorization is good for one year.

In addition, the Grand Ronde Health & Wellness Center's Community Health Team will be setting up the mobile clinic at the pantry on the first Friday of every month.

The Food Bank continues to seek volunteers to help with repacking food, putting food on the shelves, handing out food boxes, end-of-month inventory and picking up food donations at area stores.

Call to ensure someone is available to assist. People also can sign up for a monthly e-mail for the Food Bank calendar and events, as well as follow the Food Bank on Facebook.

The Food Bank is an equal opportunity provider.

Call Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or contact her at fambrose@marionpolkfoodshare.org for more information or to volunteer. ■

Committee & Special Event Board meeting days and times

Below is the most current information on the meeting days and times for Tribal Committees and Special Event Boards:

- **Ceremonial Hunting Board** meets as needed. Chair: Marline Groshong.
 - **Culture Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Grand Ronde Food Bank/*iskam mək'hmək haws*, 9675 Grand Ronde Road. Chair: Francene Ambrose.
 - **Editorial Board** meets monthly at the Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center conference room, 8720 Grand Ronde Road. Next meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, April 12. The public is welcome to attend. Chair: Siobhan Taylor. Contact: Editorial.Board@grandronde.org.
 - **Education Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Adult Education building. Chair: Tammy Cook.
 - **Elders Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the Elders Activity Center. Chair: Penny DeLoe.
 - **Enrollment Board** meets quarterly in Room 204 of the Governance Center. Chair: Ann Lewis.
 - **Fish & Wildlife Committee** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Chair: Tyson Mercier.
 - **Health Committee** meets at 10 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month in the Molalla Room of the Health & Wellness Center. Chair: Bernadine Shriver.
 - **Housing Board** meets at 3 p.m. the third Thursday of the month in the Housing Department conference room. Chair: Kristy Criss-Lawson.
 - **Powwow Special Event Board** meets monthly at noon at the Community Center. Dates vary. Contact Dana Ainam at 503-879-2037. Chair: Dana Ainam.
 - **TERO Commission** meets at 10 a.m. Monday, April 22, in the Employment Services building. Chair: Russell Wilkinson.
 - **Timber Committee** meets at 5 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Natural Resources building off Hebo Road. Interim Chair: Jon R. George.
 - **Veterans Special Event Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month in the old Elders Craft House. Chair: Raymond Petite.
- To update information on this list, contact Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes at 503-879-1463 or dean.rhodes@grandronde.org.



2014 – Women's Transitional House employees were busy putting the final touches on the facility before opening ceremonies. The house was three years in the making, and was large enough for eight women and their children. It was designed for women who were leaving prison or residential drug and alcohol programs and needed a safe place to live while they learned skills to be successful. "When you are released, you don't know what your next move is," said Tribal Youth Mental Health/Alcohol and Drug Counselor Nicole Estrada. "I really hope this home will give them hope and something to strive for."



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2009 – Tribal Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy testified about the "severe underfunding" of Contract Health Services and the significant effects that it has on terminated Tribes before the House Committee on Appropriations' 14-member Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies. "It is important to understand that the CHS program does not function as an insurance program with a guaranteed benefit package," she said. "When CHS funding is depleted, CHS payments are not authorized."

2004 – Groundbreaking and foundation work for the five-story, 150-room expansion of Spirit Mountain Lodge was set to begin. The addition was to potentially include a swimming pool and conference center. The new facility would include shops for guests and rooms were expected to be similar to the current offerings. Spirit Mountain Casino was the No. 1 tourist attraction in the state and rooms were booked at a 95 percent occupancy rate.

1999 – The U.S. government asked the Grand Ronde Tribe to waive its right to more than \$1 million in federal subsidies for Tribal programs, such as forest management, education and social services. The request came on the heels of a congressional mandate that directed Tribes and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to come up with an alternate way to allocate federal funds owed to the nation's federally recognized Tribes. For Congress, it meant divvying up the annual Tribal Priority Allocations so less fortunate Tribes could catch up with those doing better. For Tribes, it meant the government was shirking its obligation to pursue a policy Tribes say would only make them "equally poor."

1994 – Dustin Leno captured his third straight state wrestling championship. A junior at Willamina High School, he followed in his brother Shonn's footsteps, making him only the second wrestler to have won three individual state championships in the school's history. Willamina High School also captured its third straight team title. Dustin's high school record sat at 100 wins, four losses and one tie.

1989 – Several staff changes and additions were made due to new programs and needs within the Tribe. Jann Wyduch was selected as the program director for Nanitch Sahallie located in Keizer. She had worked in the field of chemical dependency for 10 years. The clinical manager selected was Sidney Stone (Blackfeet), the former executive director of the Native American Rehabilitation Association of Portland.

1984 – A presentation about the history and Restoration of the Tribe was given to the Daughters of the American Revolution in Salem. "The group had supported our efforts via their letter of support during our struggle for Restoration and was certainly most helpful to us," Tribal Council Chairwoman Kathryn Harrison said.

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